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Nursery name commemorates forester

Forest Service Chief R. Max Peterson has approved a proposal to name the Medford forest nursery after J. Herbert Stone, former Regional Forester for the USDA-Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region.

The Rogue River National Forest plans an informal event Monday, December 7, to officially change the name of the tree seedling nursery, according to Regional Forester R.E. Worthington. It is planned that Forest Service Chief R. Max Peterson and Mrs. J. Herbert Stone will be able to participate.

Herb Stone, who died in November 1980 at age 76, was Regional Forester in the Pacific Northwest for 16 years. During his tenure he succeeded in bringing the National Forests of Oregon and Washington out of custodial stewardship into an era where they were developed, managed, and protected, Worthington said.

Stone was Regional Forester in the Southern Region before moving to Portland. His forestry career spanned 40 years. He was active in many organizations, before and after retirement, including the Society of American Foresters, Oregon Board of Geographic Names, Oregon Roadside Council, Forest Park Committee of 50, Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (called Livable Oregon when he was named chairman by Governor Tom McCall), the Izaak Walton League, Friends of Timberline Lodge, and United Church of Christ in Beaverton.

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